

BOOKS FOR PURCHASE:

Hertzberg, Arthur. The Zionist Idea (Atheneum)
 Hurewitz, J.C. The Struggle for Palestine (Schocken)
 Reinhartz and Rabinowitz, eds. Israel in the Middle East (Oxford)
 Oz, Amos. In the Land of Israel (Vintage)
 Halkin, Hillel. Letters to an American Jewish Friend (Jewish Publication Society)

+ Course-Pak available at Kinko's, 620 University Avenue

NOTE: All books and readings will also be available on reserve in the College Library.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
January 23rd	Introduction: The Significance of Zionism and Israel in Jewish and General Consciousness
January 30th	European Jewry in the 19th Century The Pre-Zionist Period: Forerunners of Zionism; The Nature of Jewish Settlement in Palestine before the Advent of Zionism
February 6th	The Beginnings of the Modern Zionist Movement; Theodor Herzl and Political Zionism
February 13th	Ahad Ha-Am and Cultural Zionism; Critics of Zionism
February 20th	Socialist Zionism and the Beginnings of Modern Settlement; The Kibbutz Movement
February 27th	The Yishuv from the Balfour Declaration until World War II
March 6th	The Foundation of the Jewish State
March 13th	The Process of Ingathering: The Social, Economic, and Cultural Challenge The Impact of Soviet and Ethiopian Immigration FILM: <u>Sallah</u>
March 20th	Israeli Politics: Parties, Structures, and Trends
March 27th	NO CLASS: SPRING RECESS
April 3rd	Religion and Secularism in Israel

April 10th	Arabs and Jews in Israel
April 17th	Israeli Society and Economy The Arab-Israeli Wars and their Impact upon Israeli Society FILM: <u>Beyond the Walls</u>
April 24th	Israel's Foreign Policy
May 1st	Prospects for Peace in the Middle East; The West Bank and the Palestinian Question
May 8th	Israel as a Jewish State: The Future of Zionism

READINGS:

NOTE: Amos Oz's *In the Land of Israel* should be read throughout the semester and must be completed by the last session of the course

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January 30th:

*David Vital, The Origins of Zionism, Ch. 2 ("Aspects of European Jewry in the Nineteenth Century")

*Abramov, Perpetual Dilemma, Part 1 ("The Origins and Growth of the Old Yishuv")
Hertzberg, The Zionist Idea, Parts 1 & 2 (pp. 101-198)

February 6th:

Hertzberg, Part 3 (pp. 199-245)

*David Vital, The Origins of Zionism, Ch. 6 ("Hovevei Zion")

February 13th:

Hertzberg, Part 4 (pp. 247-327)

*Walter Laqueur, A History of Zionism, Ch. 8 ("Zionism and its Critics")

February 20th:

Hertzberg, Part 6 (pp. 329-395)

*Michael Curtis, "Utopia and the Kibbutz," Israel: Social Structure and Change, pp. 101-113.

*Suzanne Keller, "The Family in the Kibbutz," Israel: Social Structure and Change, pp. 115-144.

May 1st:

- *Maxime Rodinson, Israel and the Arabs, Conclusion
- *Yehoshafat Harkabi, "Who is to Blame for the Persistence of the Arab-Israeli Conflict? Lessons from Five Explanations," Palestinians and Israel, Ch. 13 (pp. 220-241).
- Articles on Intifada (handout)

May 8th:

- Hillel Halkin, Letters to an American Jewish Friend
- *Avraham Schenker, "Crisis and Challenge in Zionism," Zionism in Transition, ed. by Moshe Davis, pp. 337-345.
- *Leonard Fein, "A New Zionism," Moment, Vol. 14, #13 (April 1989) 48-53.
- *Bernard Avishai, "An Epilogue to Zionism," Moment, Vol. 10, #7 (July-August 1985), 16-20.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each seminar participant will be required to submit a term paper of approximately 15 to 20 pages at the end of the semester. Students should arrange to meet with the instructor during the first two weeks of the semester to discuss possible topics. (A list of suggested topics can be found at the end of the syllabus.) Students will be required to present a short oral report to the class on his/her research during the course of the semester. Exact dates for presentations will be assigned as soon as all participants have chosen their topics.

Students will be graded on their term papers and their participation in seminar discussions. Discussions will center on the weekly reading assignments. A "Questions to Consider" handout will be distributed each week to help students direct their readings and discussions in class.

FILMS:

I have tentatively arranged to screen two Israeli films - Sallah, a comedy which recounts the experiences of a newly-arrived Yemenite immigrant to Israel; and Beyond the Walls, a controversial depiction of the nature of Arab-Jewish relations - during the course of the semester. Both films are in Hebrew with English sub-titles. Films will be shown outside of class during the weeks noted in the syllabus and each screening will be followed by a discussion. Exact times and places will be announced later. Handouts providing background to the film and questions for discussion will be distributed before each screening.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR TERM PAPERS

1. The ideas of a major Zionist thinker or Israeli statesman
2. The Zionist movement in a particular country
3. Jews and Arabs in Palestine in the 19th century
4. Arab-Jewish relations during the Yishuv period

5. The experience of early settlers in a particular settlement
6. The role of the Haganah, the Irgun, or the Stern Gang in the War of Independence
7. The aliyah of a Jewish group from a particular country: e.g. Ethiopians, Russians, Americans
8. The impact of the Holocaust upon Israel: The response of the Yishuv to the events; The absorption of survivors; The role of Holocaust in contemporary Israeli political and popular consciousness
9. Israel and the pursuit of Nazi war criminals; The Eichmann Trial; The Demjanuk Trial
10. The background to and/or implications of Camp David
11. The Israeli legal system
12. The development of a particular political party or movement in the Yishuv and/or in Israel
13. The Israeli educational system: State religious and "government" schools
14. Israeli relations with a particular country: e.g. the United States, Egypt, South Africa, Germany, the Soviet Union
15. Religious groups in Israel: The haredim (ultra-Orthodox) ; The Conservative and Reform movements
16. Religion and the State: The Law of Return; The "Who Is a Jew" Issue'; The issue of converts
17. The administration of Jerusalem; The founding of Tel Aviv
18. Settlements in the West Bank; The administration of the West Bank; The Intifada
19. An examination of a particular Arab-Israeli war, e.g. the Sinai Campaign, the Six-Day War, Israel in Lebanon
20. The situation of Arabs in Israel; Other minorities in Israel, e.g. Christians, Druze, etc.
21. Kibbutz society: the ideology and the reality
22. Relations between Sephardim and Ashkenazim
23. An aspect of Israeli culture, e.g. music, theater, literature, television and radio, etc
24. American Jews and Israel
25. The nature and impact of Russian and Ethiopian immigration upon Israel

HISTORY 572: SEMINAR ON ZIONISM AND MODERN ISRAEL

An examination of the ideology and activity of the Zionist movement from its beginnings at the end of the nineteenth century to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, and of the central political, economic, social, and cultural issues confronting the contemporary Jewish State. Among the topics to be discussed are: the role of Zion in Jewish historical consciousness; political, cultural, socialist, and Revisionist Zionism; the foundation of the Jewish State and the challenge of immigration; Israeli political parties, society, and economy; the status of the Arab minority; the Palestinian Question and the Arab-Israeli conflict; and Diaspora-Israel relations. Each seminar participant will be required to submit a term paper of approximately 15 to 20 pages and to participate in weekly classroom discussions. Open to senior History majors. Although there are no prerequisites, students are expected to have a general background in at least one of the following subjects: modern European history, Jewish history, or Middle Eastern History.

TENTATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Eisenstadt, S.N. Israeli Society.
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Harkabi, Yehoshafat. Palestinians and Israel.
Hertzberg, Arthur. The Zionist Idea.
Hurewitz, J.C. The Struggle for Palestine.
Laqueur, Walter. A History of Zionism.
Liebman, Charles, ed. Religious and Secular: Conflict and
Accommodation between Jews in Israel.
Lustick, Ian. Arabs in the Jewish State.
Oz, Amos. In the Land of Israel.
Reinharz and Rabinowitz, eds. Israel in the Middle East.
Vital, David. The Origins of Zionism.
_____. Zionism: The Crucial Phase.
_____. Zionism: The Formative Years.